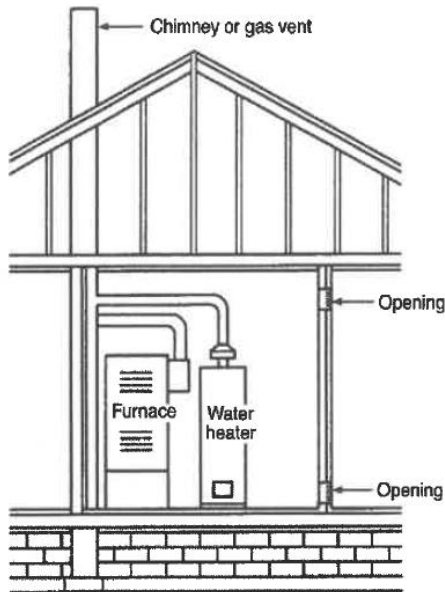




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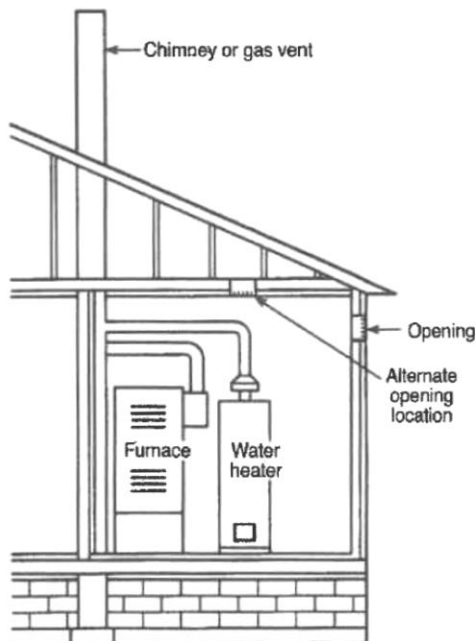


**FIGURE 701.5  
COMBUSTION AIR FROM ADJACENT INDOOR  
SPACES THROUGH INDOOR COMBUSTION AIR OPENINGS  
[NFPA 54: FIGURE A.9.3.2.3(1)]**

**701.5 Indoor Opening Size and Location.**

Openings used to connect indoor spaces shall be sized and located in accordance with the following:

(1) Each opening shall have a free area of not less than 1 square inch per 1000 Btu/h (0.002 m<sup>2</sup>/kW) of the total input rating of appliances in the space, but not less than 100 square inches (0.065 m<sup>2</sup>). One opening shall commence within 12 inches (305 mm) of the top of the enclosure and one opening shall commence within 12 inches (305 mm) of the bottom of the enclosure (see Figure 701.5). The dimension of air openings shall be not less than 2 inches (76 mm).



**FIGURE 701.6.2  
COMBUSTION AIR FROM OUTDOORS THROUGH  
SINGLE COMBUSTION AIR OPENING  
[NFPA 54: FIGURE A.9.3.3.2]**

**701.10.1 Minimum Screen Mesh Size.** Duct air openings shall be screened with not less than 1/4" (6.4mm) mesh.

Except when terminating in an attic space (701.11 – Exception (5))

**701.6.2 One Permanent Opening Method.** One permanent opening, commencing within 12 inches (305 mm) of the top of the enclosure, shall be provided. The appliance shall have clearances of not less than 1 inch (25.4 mm) from the sides and back and 6 inches (152 mm) from the front of the appliance. The opening shall directly communicate with the outdoors or shall communicate through a vertical or horizontal duct to the outdoors or spaces that freely communicate with the outdoors (see Figure 701.6.2) and shall have a free area not less than the following:

- (1) One square inch per 3000 Btu/h (0.0007 m<sup>2</sup>/kW) of the total input rating of appliances located in the enclosure.
- (2) Not less than the sum of the areas of vent connectors in the space. [NFPA 54:9.3.3.2]